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Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promoting rural development in developing countries, with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Yashar Aliyev (Azerbaijan), on the basis of informal consultations

United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its 2003 ministerial declaration,[1] which underlined the importance of alliances and partnerships among actors in different sectors for the promotion of integrated rural development,

Underlining the importance of the contribution of the private sector, non-governmental organizations and civil society in general to the implementation of the outcomes of United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling the central role and responsibility of Governments in national and international policy-making,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 58/129 of 19 December 2003, entitled "Towards global partnerships", in which the Assembly, inter alia, identified the principles and objectives of such partnerships and welcomed the establishment of a multitude of partnerships at the field level, entered into by various United Nations organizations, Member States and other stakeholders, such as the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (the United Nations Alliance),

[1] See A/58/3 (Part I), chap. III, para. 35, the entire report to be issued in final form as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/58/3).

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1. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Government of Madagascar to serve as the pilot country for the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (the United Nations Alliance);

2. *Invites* all Member States, the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, the Bretton Woods institutions, civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders to support the programmes and activities of the United Nations Alliance in its mission to promote sustainable rural development, consistent with General Assembly resolution 58/129 of 19 December 2003 and other relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Stresses* that activities of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system at the country level in support of the United Nations Alliance should take into account the implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006 on the work of the United Nations Alliance.